

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.
THURSDAY, JULY 10, 1890.
ARRIVAL OF PASSENGER TRAINS.
TRAINS PASS SAN MARCOS AS FOLLOWS:
I. & C. N. MAIL.
Going North: 7:45 A. M. and 5:42 P. M.
Going South: 8:59 A. M. and 7:47 P. M.
M. K. & T.
Going North: 7:25 A. M. and 5:15 P. M.
Going South: 7:25 A. M. and 5:15 P. M.
C. COLLINS, Agent.

HOME NEWS.

Two Copies for \$2.50.
Persons not subscribers who may at any time receive copies of the FREE PRESS, will please understand that they are sent simply as samples, in the hope that the parties addressed may like it enough to favor us with their subscription.

The best flour in the city at McAllister's.

Shoe shoes! all sizes and kinds, Johnson & Johnson.

Fresh sugar and Bacon at J. H. GARY.

Embroidery and Hosiery cheap at Johnson & Johnson's.

A silver watch made in the latest style is a beauty, and for service equal to any Jew lot at Geo. W. Knight's.

Best Steel Nails, keg \$2.75 rate. Builders' Hardware cheap.

Flour Mowers, guaranteed the best made, at \$10.00.

Steel Wheel Hay Rakes, \$20.00.

Cane Mills and Evaporators at cut prices, at Louis HENCK, New Braunfels.

If you want coal for grilling and all other purposes, cheaper than wood, or write to T. Fletcher Farwell, San Marcos, will ship to any point near here as cheap as here.

Men and boy's straw hats at bargain prices, Johnson & Johnson.

Fine California jellies, at McAllister's.

With many persons at this season an alarm clock is an absolute necessity. The best made and at moderate price, can be had at Geo. W. Knight's.

Corn Wanted.

Wanted, any quantity of good shelled corn, for which 45 or 60 cents will be paid delivered at San Marcos Mills, at the head of the river.

SAN MARCOS MILLS, ICE & GIN CO.

You Can Save Money

By purchasing pianos and organs through us instead of at San Antonio or Austin. I speak by the book. Don't fail to call and see me before purchasing.

S. P. CHASTAIN.

Clothing.

I have a fine assortment of goods from which I am prepared to make up suits or single garments in the best style and at the most moderate prices. Call and see me.

P. SEUBERTH.

I am in receipt of a carload of the celebrated "Enger" buggies and carriages, for which I have taken the agency, and offer them at lowest prices. Call and examine before buying.

WM. GIBSEN.

A new lot of

ICE CREAM FREEZERS

at Chas. Hutchings'.

Free to Subscribers to the Free Press.

All present and future subscribers to the "Free Press" will be furnished with a copy of Kendall's valuable manual, "The Horse and his Disease," FREE—we mean those who have not already received one. Please remind us of this.

We Have For Sale

Two desirable places, slightly situated, in this town. Prices and terms reasonable. Inquire at FREE PRESS office.

Geo. W. Knight, watchmaker and jeweler. Southwest corner plaza, San Marcos, Texas. mar-20-11.

OLD NEWSPAPERS 25c & 100 at this office.

Three different styles of

GASOLINE STOVES

at Chas. Hutchings. Also another lot of coal oil Lamp Stoves just received.

Wanted

A second hand Pant. Address Lock Box 103, San Marcos, Texas.

J. P. Kone & Co. are still running the meat market next to Hutchins store, where the best meats may always be found. Give them a call.

San Marcos Mill, Ice and Gin Co.

I am in charge of the above establishment and will give attention to all its departments in the proper season. I will be glad to hear from you.

W. H. ROBBINS.

Cost! Cost!

The entire stock of Clocks, Watches, Jewelry, Silver Ware and Fancy Goods, AT COST, for the purpose of closing up business for the time, owing to bad health.

W. H. ROBBINS.

Modern Theology.

Mrs. Della Creme—"What in the world is that awful racket in the library? Somebody being murdered?"

Mrs. Calvin (calmly)—"No, that is my husband. He is discussing religion with Deacon Oldschool."

Lippincott's Magazine for July.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Through oversight the date and number of this issue were not changed from last week.

We expect to announce another wedding in our next.

Dr. J. H. Combs, Dentist, N. Side Plaza

See announcement of R. J. Smith, Esq., for County Judge.

They are "tearing up" preparatory to grading the public square.

McElree's WINE OF CARDUI for female diseases.

The Driskill Hotel is being enlarged and re-modeled so that its old friends will so readily recognize it.

To arrive Thursday next, the 17th inst., a carload of Water-melons, which will be for sale by

Dr. J. W. Combs, Dentist, N. Side Plaza

See advertisement of the Perry Manufacturing Co., of Indianapolis.

We welcome our Martindale correspondent. That place has too long been without a representative in the FREE PRESS.

Try BLACK-DRAUGHT tea for Dyspepsia.

LOST.—A large level. A suitable reward will be paid, by leaving the same at Vogel's shop.

Go to the Hill to-night and hear Rev. Dr. Stott, of Franklin College, Indiana. Our Mr. Keller of the Baptist church is one of his pupils.

Rain is somewhat needed, but we are told the cotton that is clean is still growing nicely, while the corn is pretty well made. The dust is the worst feature at present.

Mr. Godfrey, of the Favorite Barber shop has sold out to Ben Sanderson, and will hereafter be found at the old stand of the latter, which has been newly fitted up.

BLACK-DRAUGHT tea cures Constipation.

San Antonio street now only needs a little smoothing up and a top-dressing of fine gravel. So Captain Larkin informs us.

Appropos, Captain, why not complete it at once? It is quite important that this should be done before another heavy rain.

Country land at McAllister's.

San Marcos this year is perhaps leading any other Texas town of its size in one respect. Capt. E. P. Reynolds, the city treasurer, informs us that some \$50,000 or \$60,000 of public money will be expended here the present season. There is also an unusual amount of private improvements in progress.

Carr Best, in starting his mowing machinery Tuesday, had a valuable mule run over as to render it useless. He had a pair of horses hitched to the mower in front of the mules and they became frightened at the noise of the machine and springing forward they jerked the mower against the hind feet of the off mule, cutting one foot entirely off, saving a shred of skin.

WINE OF CARDUI, a Tonic for Women.

The editor of the Kyle branch of the family organ says we do not like his way of looking at things. As we have not mentioned him or his paper for several weeks, we don't just see how he comes to this conclusion, and assure him he is mistaken. Let him run his paper to suit himself and he will suit us. At any rate we will not permit us to give him much notice.

The meeting of the County Farmers' Alliance and picnic at Buda on Tuesday was largely attended and all passed off nicely. Many candidates were present. Speeches were made by Judge Kone and editor Sam Dixon of the Dallas Mercury. The following are the officers elected:

M. S. Ward, president, Dr. Barbee, vice president, J. A. Dixon, secretary, J. C. W. Fort, treasurer, W. E. Nelson, chairman, B. F. Stevenson, lecturer, Milton Park, assistant lecturer.

Mr. I. H. Julian visited the Capitol City this week. It is rumored for Madam Grundy to whisper so audibly that he has designs on one of the fair daughters of the city, but you know the meddlesome old dame will have her say.

We find the above in the San Marcos branch of the Star Indicator. We beg to suggest to Mrs. McPherson, the editress, whether the fact that "the old meddlesome dame, Madam Grundy, will have her say," however foolish and unfounded, in her own low circle, is a sufficient reason why a newspaper should be found giving currency to her vagaries.

McElree's WINE OF CARDUI for Weak Nerves.

Wanted

Work in the lines of painting, papering, or repairing. All orders will receive prompt attention. Residence the Charley Haynes place.

Ed. McDonald.

Wanted.

Ladies to assist on piece work and other sewing. Apply to P. Seubert, Tailor.

Wimberley, Texas, July 2nd, 1890.

Enron FREE PRESS.—Will you please be so kind as to announce through your columns that a camp meeting conducted by Elders Bunting and Marshall will be held at Wimberley, beginning on the 16th inst. to which all are cordially invited.

By so doing you will greatly oblige

T. W. THORN.

To The Public.

Having completed a regular collegiate course in the study of medicine, obtaining the degree of M. D., I am now prepared to begin the practice of my profession. Believing that even in his "own country" a prophet will be accounted a madman, I have determined to cast my professional lot among my own people, trusting that they will give me a chance and a fair trial when more desirable service is not easily accessible. It will be my ambition as well as a duty and a pleasure, to serve all who call upon me, faithfully. I can be found at the residence of my Father, or at the drug store of Reynolds and Daniel.

R. J. DE STRICKER.

McElree's Wine of Cardui

and THEODOR'S BLACK-DRAUGHT are for sale by the following merchants in Hays county:

J. A. Brall, San Marcos.

Haynes & Daniel, San Marcos.

C. T. Bass, San Marcos.

I. N. Whitman, Kyle.

S. M. Bortman, New Braunfels.

R. D. Gilpin, Spring Springs.

J. W. Crow, Milford.

RACKET STORE.

N. E. Corner Plaza, San Marcos.

Investigate

RACKET STORE!

Bargains in all Departments.

A NICE BLUE SHIRT, 34c.

Ladies' Underware real cheap.

CAGE & CO.

PERSONAL.

Sam Kone is visiting this, his old home.

Miss Maunford, of Luling, was among our Chautauqua visitors.

Mrs. Reese, of Abilene, sister of Mr. Lee, is visiting at this place.

Miss Cattie Kellam, of Kerrville, is among our agreeable summer visitors.

Mrs. May Kelson is visiting her many friends here, the guest of Miss Annie Haynes.

Howell, the photographer of Lockhart, made the FREE PRESS a pleasant call on Tuesday.

M. T. Chastain has not removed to Alamo, as we recently stated. We mistook his brother, M. B., for him.

We are pleased to state that Miss Annie Polk has purchased the choice lot opposite Dr. de Steiger's, and will erect a handsome residence thereon.

S. P. Chastain has the contract for carrying the mail daily from this place to Blanco via Purgatory and Fischer's Store. It is running back for passengers.

Misses Estelle and Birdie Levy, the accomplished daughters of Major Levy of Sherman, and nieces of W. H. Crocker, of this place, are visiting relatives here.

Rev. Mr. Burleson, of Wisconsin, who has been a lecturer before our Chautauqua, is of our family of Burlesons. He is an Episcopal minister and a learned man.

Dr. W. A. McElree has brought his wife in from the West. She has been suffering from protracted illness. She is now at the residence of her brother, G. W. Donaldson, and we hope soon to hear of her convalescence.

Scottie, of the Jacksonville Times, has been running the Chautauqua Circle for a couple of weeks past in his old familiar style. We note he has been "rounding up" some of our business men with taffy galore. They evidently like it, especially as it costs little or nothing. Scottie is the boss in this line.

Mr. Gregory has returned from a visit to Iowa. Found Sioux City on the Missouri a place of 40,000 inhabitants. Saw some country of matchless beauty, everybody prosperous and living better than they do down this way. Attended the Iowa State Republican Convention. Expected to hear some hard things said of the South, but heard nothing of the sort. Iowa is a grand state but perhaps objectionably cold in winter.

E. F. Brockmeyer, a private in a Palestine military company, received an injury on Sunday at this place. He was en route to the militia encampment in San Antonio, and was standing on the platform of the car. While crossing a bridge over the San Marcos river, he fell from the platform to the bridge and he sustained an insensible concussion of the skull, which, it is likely, will result in his death.

Mowers and Rakes.

I represent the McCormick and Buckeye Mowers and Rakes which I sell on liberal terms.

WM. GIBSEN.

Chautauqua Notes.

The remainder of the programme appears in our column this week. Fair progress has been made thus far, though there have been some disappointments in speakers, notably Will Cumbach of Indiana. The 4th was a grand day, and Confederate Home day (yesterday) another, showing the best part of the programme is yet to come. Special effort is being made to make Alamo day a great one.

With kind feelings toward all, I am

Respectfully,

Y. E. WORLEY.

Lockhart, July 5, 1890.

C. T. Bass, Druggist.

BARGAINS!

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Determined to CLOSE OUT

all Summer Goods before receiving

Fall Stock, we are offering Bar-

gains in

LAWNS, MULLS, NAINSOOKS

and all White Goods.

Ladies' Low Quartered Shoes

and Slippers going Cheap.

STRAW HATS AT ACTUAL COST.

A Complete Stock of Kippendorf,

Dittmann & Co.'s Fine Shoes for

Ladies, Misses and Children always

on hand.

Yerus truly,

ANDREWS & KING.

Representative Convention.

Lockhart, Tex., July 7, 1890.—To the Democrats of Hays, Caldwell and Guadalupe counties. A Democratic convention is hereby called to meet in the city of San Marcos on Tuesday the 5th day of August 1890 to nominate Democratic candidates for Representatives from the ninety-first Legislative District of Texas. The chairman of the Democratic Executive committee of the counties composing the District are requested to take such action as will secure proper representation in said convention.

J. W. CAMPBELL,

Chairman Dem. Ex. Com. 91st District.

The Democrats of Hays county will take due notice of the above, and govern themselves accordingly. JOHN E. PRITCHETT,

Chairman Dem. Ex. Com. Hays Co.

Buda.

We are beginning to want rain, especially on the west side of Onion. Prairie cotton is still growing and looking well, with a good rain soon we would almost be sure of an '82 crop.

The Alliance gin is nearing completion. It is a splendid building. The machinery is all on hand. Three go saw gins of the Pratt make. Everything is of the latest improvement and first class.

Uncle Billy Hornsby of Travis county, an old Texan pioneer, and his son Dan and family have been stopping among us for several days. They are looking around with a view of locating near Buda on account of school purposes, and they have surely struck the right place. Mr. H. is a splendid citizen and has an excellent family and we would be proud to have him to locate among us.

The old confederate veterans who went to Lockhart Friday report a splendid time. Quite a lot of business before Judge McClary's court Saturday. The Whelan barrow case was set for Monday. O. Fiebel will be on hand.

Jeff Gale and Joe Burleson are busy at their hay camp. They are putting up a splendid lot of prairie hay, and seem to be satisfied with prices they are getting.

Misses Ava and Susie Johnson, of Gillespie county, formerly of this place, with uncle Bob Hinton, their grandfather, are spending a few days with their old friends. Miss Ava has just closed a ten months school near Fredericksburg and is resting up before opening her school again in September. She is a daughter of our old friend Sam E. Johnson, and a highly accomplished young lady—we are sorry to say they will leave for home Wednesday after the picnic.

It seems from the paper that our Hogg has rooted their Cook clean out of the moon, in your next issue please give us the figures as far as heard from and in as plain a style as possible.

OMEGA.

Book Notice.

FROM JAPAN TO GUANADA. Sketches of Observation and Inquiry in a tour round the World in 1887-8. By James Henry Chapin, Ph. D. New York and London: G. Putnam's Sons.

The above title of the handsome volume of 325 pages before us will give some idea of its contents. It is one of the most interesting books of its class that we have looked into for many a day. The style is attractive and the mode of presenting the subjects novel. Japan and the Japanese; the Flowery Kingdom (China); Singapore, the Isle of Ceylon. Here and There in India, the Land of the Pharaohs, Historic Scenes in Palestine, Senobia's Kingdom (Palmyra), Malta, Sicily, on the border of the Sahara, are the principal divisions of the work. Price \$2. Copies may be obtained by addressing Rev. James Billings, Elko, Texas.

Patents Granted

To inventors in the State of Texas during the past week Reported for this paper by C. A. Snow & Co. Patent lawyers and solicitors, opp. U. S. Patent office, Washington, D. C.

G. R. Clarke, Montell, Envelope machine; A. M. Miller, Fairfield, Trace carrier; G. D. Neely, Waxahatchie, Brown rack; G. M. Snodgrass, Honey Grove, Millstone dress; E. M. Turner, Fort Worth, Screw-driver.

To the Voters of Hays County.

In offering myself to you as a candidate for County Judge of your county, I am fully aware of the responsibilities and important trust of that office, but I am aspiring to I deem myself competent to fill the office. When you held your last election for county officers, I was proud of the vote I received for J. P., precinct No. 1. This awakened in me new aspirations. Twelve months ago I determined to make the race for County Judge, have been preparing for it, and if I am your choice and elected I promise you that I will by close application to the duties of the office discharge them in a manner that will prove satisfactory to the citizens of Hays county, and with credit to myself.

R. J. SMITH, J. P.

A writer in the Circle makes some good points as to the alleged superiority of Southern over northern Newspapers. He says:

"What is to be gained by keeping up this sectional bickering? The writer of this has read newspapers both North and South, and is frank to say that he has seen just as many scandalous reports, spues, misuses, political mud-slinging, (or 'work at recent issues') and just as vile as ever he saw in Northern papers. Men that live in glass houses should not throw stones. Clear your own door-yard."

As to "mud-slinging" he might have added the late issues of the Lockhart Register and the Kyle branch of the "family organ" with respect to the editor of the FREE PRESS.

The always interesting Magazine of American History opens its twenty-fourth volume with a brilliant July number. A fine portrait of Sir William Blackstone serves as frontispiece, its pertinence apparent to whoever reads the leading article, "The Golden Age of Colonial New York." Mrs. Lamb has given a wonderfully vivid picture under single rule in 1768, conducting the curious through its streets, house, public buildings and churches, to the commencement exercises of its college, to the founding of its Chamber of Commerce, to the king's legislative hall in Wall Street with the governor, Sir Henry Moore, presiding.

"A Curious and Important Discovery in Indiana," by Ex-Lieutenant Governor Robertson, gives a picturesque view of the links connecting the days of chivalry in France with those of adventure among the savage tribes of America; and then comes "President Lincoln's Humor," by David H. Locke.

ENTITLED TO THE BEST.

All are entitled to the best that their money will buy, so every family should have, at once, a bottle of the best family remedy, Syrup of Figs, to cleanse the system when constipated or bilious. For sale in 5c and \$1.00 bottles by all leading druggists.

SYRUP OF FIGS



ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, head-aches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Figs is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Figs is for sale in 50c and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

LOUISVILLE, KY. NEW YORK, N.Y.

Johnson Grass.

McKinney, Tex., June 24.—By request of many Collin county farmers and some large landed proprietors, I am urged to write a few lines warning everyone of the great danger that awaits us unless something is done to prevent the further introduction and careless scattering of the seed of Johnson grass in and over our country. Many valuable plantations in South Carolina, Arkansas and Louisiana have become ruined and worthless by it. It is known in South Carolina as the "mean grass," from having been brought over from Egypt and introduced there by Mr. Means some years anterior to our civil war. It was afterwards carried from South Carolina by a Mr. Johnson, whose name it is best known by.

It has become such a terrible pest that no one has as yet claimed a practical remedy for its eradication, because its roots penetrate so deep into the earth, not less than five or six feet, and its growth is so rapid that the cost of a preventive would exceed the value of the land. A leading merchant of McKinney, who recently purchased a fine Collin county farm, said to me yesterday, that he dreaded the Johnson grass so greatly that he would as soon as a person would burn down and destroy houses, barns and fences as to scatter the Johnson grass seed over his farm. Some advocate the necessary legislation to prevent its introduction.

OLD COTTON PLANTER.

Judge Cook signified his lack of good judgment in starting this fearful pest within the limits of our town, while residing here. It has overrun and well nigh ruined all that rich tract of land lying in front of Chautauqua Hill.

How Would This Do I

Editor Circle:—Chautauqua enterprises, like all others, to be successful, must have more than ordinary push. Everything cannot and does not succeed absolutely on its intrinsic merits, and especially when it is not well known.

Every good thing dependent on patronage for its support, needs to be talked up, wants vim along with the good.

Suppose we advertise. Put a large display ad in our local and surrounding papers. Thousands of people from twelve to twenty miles of this place don't know there is such a thing in existence.

Then have a thousand circulars struck off for special days, send them out to a thousand men at various post offices in the surrounding counties. If you only obtain one hundred persons by this, it would amply pay you, beside the advertisement for the future. Tell the people personally what you are doing, invite them to come. Modest returns, but don't push a great enterprise like yours. This is a grand work. It is to lead the people in the way of intellectual culture on moral basis. It is worthy your best endeavor. Interest the railroad company with you. Our mother Chautauqua does this every year; hence the throng that pours in to swell her treasury. All other schools of this class are doing the same. Send out live energetic men, who are not afraid to talk. Send an active and energetic man to each surrounding town on special days. Don't let the people forget us, shut your doors one hour each day, gentlemen of the city, you will gain by such a course; if you have been liberal you must be more so. A few dollars wisely expended might make us reap a rich harvest. Enthusiasm, gentlemen!

If we stay in our offices and say it is a good thing, we will not be likely to move the world. The spirit of the age is vim and push, because business requires it. J. A. T.

Dew-Drops from Martindale.

EDITOR FREE PRESS:—Will you allow me a small space in your columns, just room enough to sprinkle a few refreshing dew-drops over the beautiful flowers of San Marcos.

Martindale is a busy little town now, and we admire her energetic people very much, but while I praise Martindale, I cannot say that it holds as many charms for me as San Marcos, my beautiful and much loved home. The town and the country around Martindale seemed forsaken on the